



## Transportation Workgroup Meeting

Date: January 9, 2024

### Attendees

Council members present: Peter Kang, Amber Merrimon, Megan Schultz, Jennifer Simms, Starkesha Rogers, Catherine Richards, Hilary Harris

Council members absent: Farrah Tyus, Cecelia Hernandez, Becky Durrick, Viktoria Martinez, Meagan Kerr

### Agenda

1. Icebreaker.
  2. Review Group Agreements.
  3. Recap of Goals 1-12.
  4. Action Plan: Share-out.
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- a. **Recommendation- Workforce: Staff Retention**

The group heard a brief summary on what the action plan for the workforce recommendation. Region 4 Council Manager expressed gratitude to all members who visited and provided valuable input in the recommendation. Members also heard the goal of the workgroup.
  - b. **Recommendation- Family Supports**

The group discussed awareness regarding services available to zero-five families being inadequate. Several members of the group pointed out that there is a need not only for transportation to and from child care sites, but also for food and housing. The plan will represent a moment in time snapshot of transportation awareness for the community. While a better understanding of resources available in Winnebago and Boone Counties is important, it is first necessary to bring awareness and get more community members involved in the conversation.

### Before next workgroup...

- Next meeting, we will begin to discuss Mental Health data and gathering community feedback on what is going well and the challenges/barriers to accessing mental and behavioral health services for young children.
- January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Council Member Appreciation Day. Holds forthcoming.